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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Kindly cancel claims 8-10, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add claims 11 - 12:

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--11. A method for the prevention or treatment of a condition involving apoptosis, said method comprising administering a protein of claim 1, an antibody directed to said protein or a DNA encoding said protein to a patient in need of such prevention or treatment.